

## A TRUST FIGHT

Big Battle of Sugar Factors  
Wages in Chicago.

### LIGHTNING CHANCES ARE MADE

Arbuckles and Doeckers—Clever  
Maneuvering—Best Sugar  
Now Figures.

Chicago has become the chief battleground in the contest between the sugar trust and the Arbuckles and the Doeckers, its powerful rivals.

Recently the price of "outside sugar" was cut 1/2 of a cent below trust price, reaching almost the lowest quotation on record. The drop was accompanied by developments that showed the existence of a little trust among wholesale grocers to support the big trust, and also that a new Richmond was in the field in the shape of a beet sugar supply. The trust was not ready to meet its rivals' prices, but it expected to do so.

The circumstances leading up to the cut are these: Arbuckle Bros. and the Doeckers own sugar refineries on the Atlantic seaboard that have a daily capacity of 5000 and 3500 barrels respectively. Both plants were started less than six months ago and both invaded Chicago with their goods early in the fall.

The trust was ready for them. In September, seeing that rival goods were to be offered, its representatives visited the jobbing trade and suggested that a contract be signed by which any amount of sugar, up to a stated quantity, might be purchased by the jobber at a given price, and that a low one. This was to cut the ground from under the trust's rivals, but it was made only to its factors.

The latter are all the wholesale grocers except two or three, whose arrangement with the trust provides for a rebate of from 1/2 to 1-16 from the list price, to be made periodically.

The Arbuckles and Doeckers, when they entered the Chicago market, made a cut in prices. It did not bring the expected increase in sales, as the jobbers were able under their contracts to draw on the trust for sugar at the same prices. The contracts began expiring a short time ago. Before the date was reached the trust's representatives visited the factors and extended the agreement. When the Arbuckles and Doeckers found this out they announced a cut to 5-10 cents and coupled with it the notice that they would do business direct with the retail trade. They followed it up with a further cut to 5-15 cents—a full 1/2 of a cent below the trust price.

The local houses of the Arbuckles and Doeckers were bombarded with business. Salesmen for the jobbers and wholesalers came into report that the market was taken away from the trust; that all the retailers in Chicago were dealing with the opposition. No attempt was made to meet the price, but there was possibly a reason for this. A meeting of the sugar committee was called in the Commercial Exchange.

One year ago the difference between the prices of raw and refined sugars was about \$1.25. Lately it was 34 cents, or nearly \$3 per barrel. If the sugar trust's output is 10,000 barrels a day, a little figuring will give a fair approximate idea of the vast sum the fight has cost.

Within the last month fifteen carloads of beet sugar have arrived in Chicago, the first to reach the market. This sugar was sold below the trust price, and it is said arrangements are making to handle an output of half a dozen factories built and building in near-by States. All these features create a situation which well-informed men in the trade say point to the conclusion that the war will be fought out to the bitter end.

### TREATY TERMS.

Authentic Synopsis Sent From Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., 24.—Following is a synopsis of the treaty, which is generally accepted as authentic:

Article I renounces Spain's sovereignty over Cuba.

Article II cedes Porto Rico, Guam and the Ladronez to the United States.

Article III cedes the Philippines, the United States to pay \$20,000,000 in three months after ratification of the treaty, which is to be ratified in six months, or sooner if possible.

Article IV gives Spain the same commercial privileges in the Philippines as the United States shall have.

Article V—The United States agrees to transport to Spain the Spanish soldiers in the Philippines and Guam and their arms.

Article VI—Spain and United States agree to liberate all prisoners of war and those imprisoned for political offenses arising from the war.

Article VII—Spain and the United States mutually renounce all claim for national or private indemnity.

Article VIII—Spain yields all crown lands, fortifications and buildings on the conquered islands.

The other articles arrange for citizenship, the observance of religion, the performance of justice under the new order of affairs.

### TRANSPORT FLEET.

WASHINGTON, December 28.—As soon as the emergency fund of \$5,000,000, which is carried by the deficiency

bill, is available, the first step of the war administration will be to add to the fleet of transports in the Pacific ocean and to make such alterations in those now under its control that there may be no further hiring of British ships for carrying supplies and holding them. This is the prime purpose of the fund, and as soon as it is in hand it is expected there will be at least three ships added to the Pacific fleet and refrigerating plants placed in most of these and the ones now owned.

### RAILS FOR RUSSIA.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—Embassador Hitchcock at St. Petersburg cabled the Secretary of State today that he has been officially notified that a contract for 80,000 tons of rails for the Eastern Chinese Railroad has been awarded to the Pennsylvania and Maryland Company.

### OBSERVATIONS OF THE PARTIAL ECLIPSE

Careful Record Made in Town.  
Punahou Telescope.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Professor W. D. Alexander certifies to the following diagramed observation of the partial eclipse of the sun yesterday, noted by Frank S. Dodge and Walter E. Wall:

Ingress	H	M	S	Greenwich Mean Time Estimated after Clearing up of Sky.
10	32	15		

Egress	H	M	S	Greenwich Mean Time
11	11	50		
Interval	0	39	35	

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Local Standard  
Mean Time.

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Local Standard  
Time.

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Time.

Observations of the eclipse were made at Oahu college by Professor Ingalls.

The five and a half inch telescope, which has recently been fitted with an equatorial mounting, was so arranged that many persons could simultaneously watch the eclipse.

A large black diaphragm having a circular hole in its center, was thrust over the larger end of the telescope, at right angles to the long axis of the instrument. By this means the eye-end of the instrument and its immediate neighborhood was shielded from the direct rays of the sun. Then a white screen was arranged at right angles to the long axis of the telescope about a foot from the eyepiece. This screen received the image of the sun with the moon encroaching upon its disc. By this means as many as could crowd into the dome of the observatory were able to watch the phenomenon. Several large sun spots were discovered near the center of the sun.

A good many citizens and pupils of a number of the public and private schools watched the eclipse.

### AUTO-TRUCK ENTERPRISE.

Heavily Capitalized Company Incorporated at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The Herald says: The New York Auto-Truck Company, with a capital of \$1,000,000 has been incorporated. With this capital it is proposed to place in the streets here auto-trucks, operated by compressed air. The only persons whose names are made public in connection with this scheme are James H. Hoadley and Henry E. Knight. Hoadley is president of the Compressed Air Power Company. Hoadley and Knight combined their interests in compressed air motors some years ago, and William C. Whitney became interested in their company.

### FOR GERMAN WARSHIPS.

The German ship Artemis has arrived at Port Townsend from Hamburg and she will take away one of the most remarkable cargoes that ever left the Pacific Coast. She will carry 1,000,000 feet of lumber, every piece of which is to be selected and absolutely flawless. Not a knot or a crack will pass muster, and some of the timber will be sixty feet in length. The lumber is to be used for the decks and interior of German men-of-war.

## OLAA TAX CASE

A Dispute Over an Appraisal  
of Land.

### A DIFFERENCE ON VALUATION

Appeal From a Tax Board of  
Hawaii—Dr. N. Russell a Party.  
A Test Matter.

A defendant's brief was filed yesterday in the appeal from assessment of coffee lands of Dr. N. Russell, et al., vs. H. C. Austin, tax assessor.

The plaintiffs are cultivators of coffee upon lands owned by them at Oloa, island of Hawaii, and made their several returns to the assessor on the value of such lands.

The assessor, deeming that the values had been placed below the unimproved market value thereof, raised them to a higher figure than set forth in the returns.

The plaintiffs appealed to the board of tax appeals and evidence of the market value of the several parcels of land was presented by both parties. The Tax Appeal Board rendered its decision, and in each case made a reduction from the value assessed by the Assessor, but decided upon higher valuations than those returned by the respective taxpayers.

It appears from the evidence that the Assessor assessed the several parcels of land at a valuation which he deemed to be the fair, unimproved market value of the same. The plaintiffs claimed that the enhanced value of the land, if any, was due to the crops and coffee cultivation, together with the buildings and improvements placed upon the land by them in their prosecution of the coffee industry, and, as by statute, Chapter 58, Laws 1892, "all coffee trees and rambie plants, and all coffee and rambie produced in this country; and all mills, machinery, etc., used exclusively in the care, cultivation or preparation of coffee or rambie for market shall be and are exempt from all taxes and import duties," and as the enhanced market value of the land was due to the coffee cultivation and incidental improvements, and that the additional assessment was, practically, a tax upon the coffee trees, mills, etc., and was illegal.

It is contended on behalf of the defendant that the market value of unimproved land, (of a similar quality), would afford a measure of value and that this land having become of higher value because of the cultivation of coffee in the locality, does not exempt the owners of such land from paying taxes upon such higher value.

The evidence shows that the assessments made by the Assessor in these cases were even lower than the market value of similar lands in that neighborhood which had no improvements upon them.

The brief is signed by Wm. O. Smith, Attorney General, for defendant.

### SOME FEATURE DAYS.

The following as a partial or incomplete feature schedule for the proposed exposition has been furnished to the Advertiser for publication:

SUGAR DAY.  
COFFEE DAY.  
RICE DAY.  
TARO DAY.  
MUSIC DAY.  
ART DAY.  
DRAMA DAY.  
CHURCH DAY.  
SCHOOL DAY.  
MANUFACTURERS' DAY.  
NEW ENGLAND DAY.  
CALIFORNIA DAY.  
VARIOUS STATE DAYS.  
NATIONAL DAYS.  
VARIOUS ISLAND DAYS.  
SECRET SOCIETY DAYS.  
FLOWER DAY.  
FERN DAY.  
PALM DAY.  
FRUIT DAY.  
ARMY DAY.  
NAVY DAY.  
LADIES' DAY.

It is added to this brief list the suggestion that it could be considerably extended and that were proper effort made each feature day would attract full attendance.

### Had Eight Tins.

Deputy Marshal Chas. Chillingworth last night made another capture of man and opium. This time the victim landed was a Pake. Chillingworth knew the Chinaman was a dealer and was on the lookout for a chance to make a haul. The game was bagged on the King street bridge. The Pake put up quite a fight. Chillingworth had to down the prisoner and tie his arms.

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